ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The digital copying machine 11 obtains an image data
by reading a document, applies a character recognition process
5   on its URL, and transmits an HTML file transfer request to
the Web server 20 corresponding to said URL. If it receives
an HTML file from the Web server 20, it generates the image
data of the Web page from said HTML file and outputs the image
data; if it fails to receive an HTML file from the Web server
10 20, it outputs the document image data. It compares the
document image data with the Web image data. It outputs the
Web image data if the images match; it outputs an image
specified by the user, if the images do not match. It applies
a character recognition process on the printing date, and
15 retrieves from the hard disk the HTML file related to said
URL received later than said printing date. It generates an
image data for the Web page identified by the detected HTML
file and outputs it, if it succeeds in detecting said HTML;
it receives a new HTML file from the Web server 20 of said
20 URL, generates an image data, and outputs it, if it fails
to detect said HTML file.